

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 66

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A RESOLUTION to urge the National Collegiate Athletic Association to name the national women's basketball championship trophy the Summitt Trophy in honor of Pat Head Summitt.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take tremendous pride in the accomplishments of its finest citizens and is thusly pleased to support efforts that give recognition and acclaim to Tennesseans who distinguish themselves at home, nationally, and around the world for their good and prosperous works; and

WHEREAS, one such hallmark Tennessean of the modern era is Pat Summitt, Head Coach Emeritus of the University of Tennessee Lady Vols basketball team and the winningest coach in all of collegiate basketball; and

WHEREAS, she reached every pinnacle and surpassed the best in every aspect of collegiate coaching; simply stated, Pat Summitt epitomizes success on the court and in life; and

WHEREAS, she is the greatest who has ever led a team from the sidelines, and she has a record number of victories as a player, an Olympian, and a coach that soundly supports her status as the best; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate that the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) sacred symbol of success in women's basketball, which is the national championship trophy, should bear the name of Coach Summitt; and

WHEREAS, a national movement is underway with the signing of petitions beseeching the NCAA to officially name the women's basketball championship trophy the Summitt Trophy; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly concurs with the naming of this trophy in honor of Pat Summitt as she has more than earned this distinguished recognition by giving her personal

and professional best to the sport and to the physical and mental development of women athletes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we urge the NCAA to name the national women's basketball championship trophy the Summitt Trophy in honor of UT Lady Vols Head Coach Emeritus Pat Summitt.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.